



## FISCAL MEMORANDUM

### HB 1174 - SB 1400

March 15, 2023

**SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (005011):** Requires each local education agency (LEA) to assign at least one full-time school resource officer (SRO) at each school in the LEA to serve during the regular school day and during school-sponsored events held at the school. Requires the Tennessee School Safety Center (Center) to award SRO grants to LEAs in order for each LEA to have at least one full-time SRO assigned to each school in the LEA. Establishes that the awarding of SRO grants in any fiscal year is subject to the availability of funds specifically appropriated to the Center. Requires the Center to reimburse an eligible LEA in the amount of \$30,000 for each school in the LEA that employs at least one 1 full-time SRO.

Requires all SRO grants to be awarded until each LEA receives one SRO or until all moneys in the SRO grant fund have been exhausted, whichever occurs first. Requires amounts appropriated to the Center for SRO grants that remain unexpended at the end of each fiscal year to be carried forward until expended. Requires LEAs to submit an SRO grant application to the Center by July 15<sup>th</sup> each year and requires the Center's director to notify the LEA by September 15<sup>th</sup> of any SRO grant available to the LEA.

### FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$55,110,000/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years**

**Decrease Local Expenditures – Net Impact -  
\$15,901,600/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation authorizes the Center to reimburse an eligible LEA in the amount of \$30,000 for each school in the LEA that employs at least one full-time SRO.
- There are approximately 1,837 schools in the state and the average cost of an SRO is estimated to be \$73,150.
- For the Center to provide grants to employ at least one full-time SRO in each school, it is estimated to increase state expenditures \$55,110,000 in FY23-24 and subsequent years (1,837 x \$30,000).
- Based on the 2022 Safe Schools Report, there are 1,301 schools with existing SROs.
- The proposed legislation will require an additional 536 (1,837- 1,301) schools to employ at least one full-time SRO. Current local expenditures for SROs are \$95,168,150 (1,301 x \$73,150).

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- The proposed legislation will decrease local expenditures by \$55,110,000, which will be borne by the state.
- The cost to add new SROs to schools will be \$39,208,400 (536 x \$73,150). The proposed legislation will increase local expenditures by \$39,208,400.
- The net decrease in local expenditures is \$15,901,600 (\$55,110,000 decrease - \$39,208,400 increase).

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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